Statement

Overseas Development Administration (UK) is funding three Slum Improvement Projects in Andhra Pradesh. These projects entail not only development of physical infrastructure and provision of civic amenities but also community development and provision of social, economic and educational inputs which assist in raising the standard of living of the inhabitants of slum areas. Projects-wise details are given below :—

1. **Hyderabad Habitat Improvement Project** :

This is being implemented by Urban Community Development department of the Municipal Corporation of Hyderabad. It envisages coverage of 300 Slums at an estimated cost of Rs. 34.36 crores. Against this the expenditure has been Rs. 29.61 crores.

2. **Visakhapatnam Habitat Improvement Project** :

The project originall envisaged coverage of 174 slums having 2,15,000 persons at an estimated cost of Rs. 20.70 crores over a period of five years. The water supply improvement project costing Rs. 4.59 crores was cleared later by O.D.A. The project cost has been revised to Rs. 29.31 corres. An expenditure of Rs. 22.74 crores has been incurred.

3. **Vijayawada Habitat Improvement Project** :

The project envisages upgradation of 136 slums of Vijaywada at an estimated cost of Rs. 49.15 crores covering 2.47 lakhs slum dwellers. An expenditure of Rs. 19.94 cores has been incurred.

Setting up of a Building Centres Programmes

208. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to set up a national level Committee to coordinate and monitor the building centres programme in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The Committee has been set up under the chairmanship of Secretary (Urban Development) and consists of representatives of State Govts., concerned Central Ministries/Departments and other Govt. agencies involved in Housing Sector. The Committee will review the entire gamut of decentralised technology transfer dissemination of information and skill upgradation and convey appropriate instructions/advice to State Govts. and concerned agencies in public and private sector.

Housing Problem in the Country

209. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme to tackle the problem of housing in the country particularly in the State of Punjab;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON : (a) to (c) Housing being a State subject, the State Governments are free to formulate and implement various social housing schemes within the approved State plan resources and available institutional finance from HUDCO, NHB etc., for which no Central Government approval is required.

Installation of a Statue of Sardar Bhagat Singh

210. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to instal a statue of Sardar Bhagat Singh at all historical monuments in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard ?